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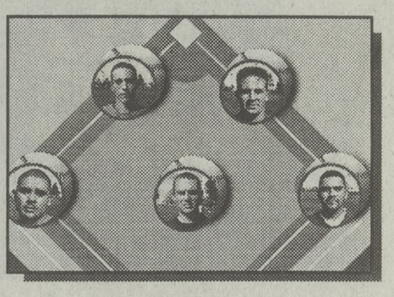

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CAMPUS SCENE

MATH LAB HOURS

❖ The Department of Mathematics is offering free tutoring for all Math classes. These free sessions include tutorials for computer and videotape classes including Math 105, 112, 115, 125 and 240.

The new math lab hours for spring 1998 are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Wed. and Thurs. 4:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

The Math Lab is located in MS 106 and students may register there to use these free tutorial services.

The lab is partially funded by the ASU.

PHI THETA KAPPA

❖ There will be an orientation meeting held on Wed. March 4 at 6 p.m. for Phi Theta Kappa, the Honor Society at Valley College. The meeting will be held in Monarch Hall and will provide information about membership dues, schoalrships and club activities.

MUSIC

❖ The Guys Hawke Jazz Trio is performing today at 11:00 a.m. in Music Room 112.

THEATRE

❖ *Crimes of the Heart,* directed by Christopher Lee Barnes debuts tonight at 8 p.m. The production will run through Sat. Feb.28. General admission is $10, students and seniors are $5.

SOFTBALL

❖ Today Valley vs. Cuesta at 3:30 p.m. at Valley.

BASEBALL

❖ Today Valley vs. COC at 2:30 p.m. at Valley.

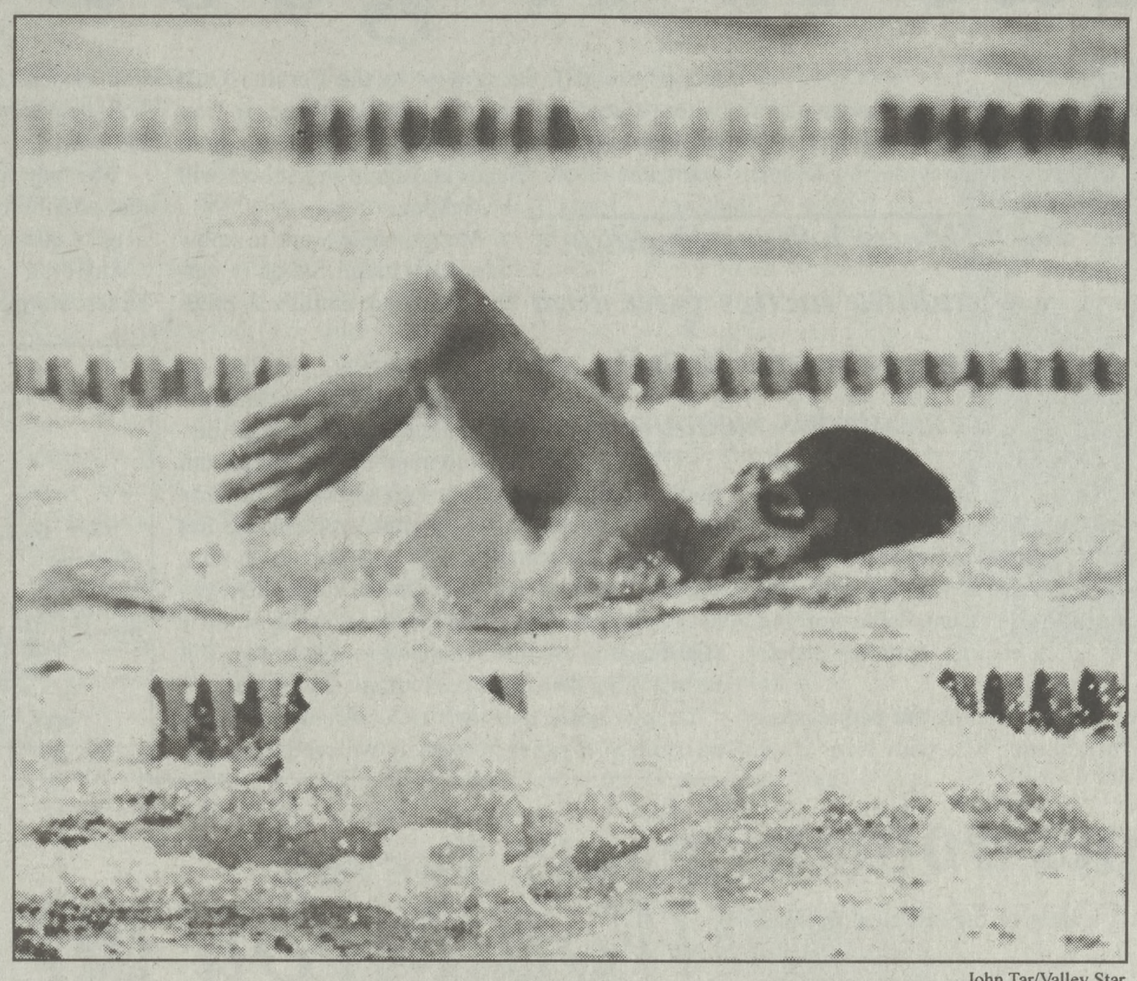
Feb.28: At 1p.m.Valley vs Glendale at Glendale.

BASKETBALL

❖ Feb.27-28: Round one for Men and Women's Southern California Regionals.

TRACK

❖ At 2 p.m. on Feb.27, Men's and Women's track Mini-Meet #2 takes place.Valley, Bakersfield, West LA and College of the Canyons will be participating.



John Tar/Valley Star

Valley swimmer Mike Scarcelli displays the speed he used to break a long standing school record, which sent him to the state championships. See story page four.

Variety show celebrates Black History

By JOHN TARR
STAR REPORTER

Pieces of African heritage lined the Fireside Room Tuesday night giving rise to the occas ion of celebrating Black History Month through a variety show organized by members of African American culture classes.

Traditional African music played, taking the audience of about 75 back to a time and place not long forgotten.

"Black History is actually a study of where you came from, where you've been and where you're going," Dee Maxwell said in the opening presentation.

Photo illustration by Chris M. Allport

Maxwell and Nicole Pyles organized the 10 act show which ranged from a solo sax rendition of Ben Webster jazz tunes by Nurit Katz to a traditional African dance performed by Maxwell.

The event led off with Tod Tran's a cappella version of 'I got plenty of nothing.' Katz's sax offered a segue into a poetry reading by Renee Burks.

The next act came in the form of Zoo Man, a New Jersey native who has appeared on Def Comedy Jam and appears every Monday night at the Improv. Laced within his witty comedy was the message that most problems between cultures arise from differences in dialogue.

Crossing over from comedy to love was Ron Moss, the author of a self-published book titled "My Dearest Love," a compilation of love letters from men to women which Moss had gathered. Moss told of an inspirational story behind the book based upon his faith in God, tying that into humanity's need for faith.

Moss' reading of letters from the book evoked high emotions in the audience displayed in their desire to obtain copies of the book. Moss' book sold out in a few moments.

The second to last act came in the form of a poetry reading by John D which left the audience with many questions. He read his poem while Bob Marley softly crooned in the background, "400 hundred years it takes my people ... too long."

"Self-elevation is the key, you must have self-knowledge," John D said. "You're the future of today. Your children learn from your way. Into their minds you always play a part."

Next up was the native African fashion show. About 10 to 12 different styles of clothes were modeled to the delight of the clapping audience.

The final act was a moving solo dance performance from Maxwell. She moved to the sound of the smoky beat engulfing the audience in her rhythmic portrayal of Luis Allen's "Strange Fruit."

The message of the show was simply put by Zoo Man, "This was for me, to remember where I came from. I wouldn't be standing here right now if it weren't for the brothers who came before me."

Higher health fee to better serve students

By NANCY BARAHONA
STAR REPORTER

The health fee has increased for the summer semester from $5 to $8 and from $7.50 to $11 for the fall semester, according to Dean of Student Services Yasmin Delahoussaye.

The reason the fee had to be raised is because in order to bill the state, legislation said that all Health Centers had to pay a minimum amount and we didn't meet that minimum, said Delahoussaye.

By raising the fee the government will reimburse the school for fee waiver students now that the legislature voted on it, said Delahoussaye. This is because there had to be an assembly bill that was passed by the state assembly because there were no provisions for it before so we can't just bill an agency unless the legislation says we can and now we have the ability to do so, said Delahoussaye.

> "The raising of the health fees means we're going to be able to provide better services to students."
> —Yasmin Delahoussauye

"The raising of the health fees means we're going to be able to provide better services to students, we're going to increase the number of hours that a nurse practitioner is at the center," said Delahoussaye.

"We are also looking at offering psychological help because during the Health Fair we had a lot of students that sought depression screening which means there's a great deal of depression," said Jeanie Duran, Clinical Coordinator at Valley College. "We are looking to get more clinician hours, more evening hours, and psychology interns. We want what would be best for everyone," she said.

This is the first raise in health fees since 1993 when the Health Center opened at Valley College, said Duran.

"Half of the students get Board of Governors Grants (BOGG) so they don't pay anything and they are able to use the Health Center but the Health Center is not reimbursed," said Duran. "By raising the prices the state will reimburse the center for those grants."

According to Duran, the Health Center had 7500 visits last year; however, about 75 percent of the students have never used the center.

"The Health Center is a great help because it's convenient to have it on campus," said Lara Azouri. "The student feels more secure and life is more important than money."

The Health Center is located in the Women's Gym. It is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays 4 to 7 p.m.

"We have a little bit of everything," said Duran. The Health Center has a nurse practitioner available, first aid, over the counter medicine, such as Advil, blood pressure and vision screening, pap smear tests, birth control pills, blood sugar testing, and HIV testing once a month.

"The students that pay their tuition, are the ones I'm worried about, because it's a value to them to have to pay extra money," said Associated Student Union president Lorenzo Trujillo.

"But the good thing is for the fee waiver students, since they don't pay for it anyway the government will give the money to the health center. Because right now if you are a fee waiver student and you don't pay your health fee the Health Center does not get reimbursed."

According to a survey conducted at Valley College, asking "Would increasing the health fee to $10 a semester prevent you from attending college?" Ninety percent of the students said no.

There will be a Health Fair on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m at Monarch Square.

Club not recognized by ASU

By NANCY BARAHONA
STAR REPORTER

The Cross Cultural Club, chartered in the fall of '93 is not recognized by the Associated Student Union this semester.

"This club was chartered years ago," said founder of the club Rayvon Douthard. "This year it is not chartered because we are just looking for officers and members and we will be thinking about moving the club off-campus, but it will still be open to Valley College students," he said.

It was incorrectly reported in the previous issue of the *Valley Star* that the Cross Culture Club began in 1992 and hosted a Cultural Pow-wow Dance. "The Cultural Dance was not held at Valley College and was not part of the Cross Culture Club but was part of my idea," said Douthard.

The Cross Culture Club can not be supported by the ASU because it did not charter within the deadline, according to ASU guidelines.

ASU secretary Maria Euceda said the requirements to be a chartered club on campus are: to have at least 10 paid ASU members; have at least a president and two inner club council representatives; a sponsor/ adviser; a constitution; and to have an application in file by the fourth week of school.

Chartered Clubs at Valley

Administration of Justice
American Political Culture Club
Armenian Student Association
Astronomy Club
Black Student Union
Broadcasting Club
California Student Nursing Association
Choral Council
Commercial Music Club
Cuauhtemoc
Grace on Campus
Hillel
Jewish Student League
Pre-medical Engineering and Science Scholars Association (PESSA)
Phi Theta Kappa
Pilipino United Student Organization (PUSO)
Tau Alpha Epsilon

Campus Police crack burgarly case

By ALEXIS SCALICE
STAR REPORTER

Carlos Castro left more than fingerprints inside the '89 Volkswagen he broke into with the intent of confiscating the radio. Captain Karl Traber of Campus Police said Castro left a homework assignment in the car with his name printed on top. Castro attended afternoon classes at Valley as part of the high school extension program. Currently Castro is being held in the Van Nuys jail, with $15,000 bail, after being arrested by Officer Spence Gosenson of Campus Poilice on Feb. 11. He is charged with burglary.

After collecting the evidence left behind, Gosenson did three days of extensive follow-up work to locate Castro.

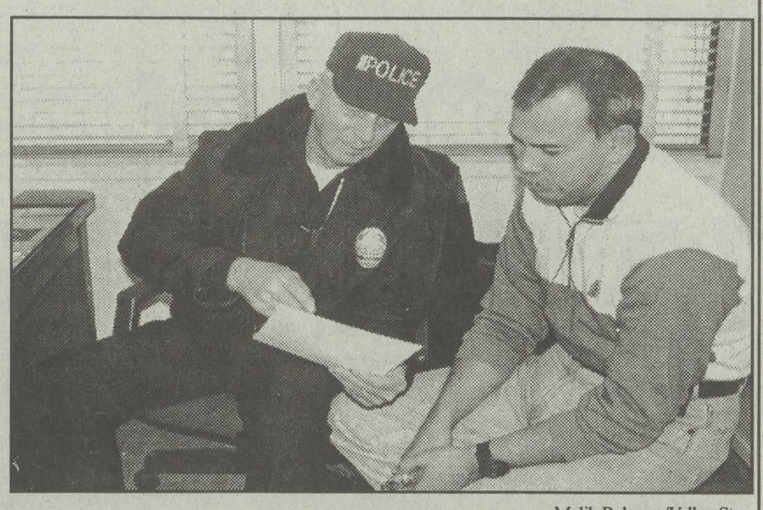
"He found out where he went to school and found that Castro has a previous crminal record," said Traber.

Detective Mike Habicht, who previously worked as a dectective for the LAPD, conducted an interview with Castro in an attempt to get a confession.

Apparently Castro stole the radio with intent to sell it. "He was able to get Castro to tell the truth so an arrest could be made," said Traber.

The vicitm was Tracey Turner, who parked her Volkswagon in lot A on Feb. 4, later to find her window shattered due to the afternoon break- in.

"It was outstanding follow up work by Officer Gosenson and excellent detective work by Officer Habicht," Trebor said.



Malik Rahsaan/Valley Star

Officer Spence Gosenson and Detective Mike Habicht cracked this burglary.

War: What is it good for?

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Society conditions us to see human differences in simplistic opposition to each other: dominant vs subordinate, good vs bad and superior vs inferior. In a society where power is more important than human needs, these oppositions can lead to war.

War is a violent means to remedy hard to solve problems, so what is it good for?

Peace!

Sometimes it is the means to bring about peace. The United States has threatened to declare war on Saddam Houssein and Iraq, to keep peace. Will there be war?

The way things stand there is still the possibility that we may battle. If Saddam makes good on his promise to allow Americans immediate and unrestricted access to search his palaces there will be no need for conflict.

It seems simple enough but Saddam does not have a good track record for keeping his promises. Even if he does allow his palaces to be searched, what's to say he did not relocate his weapons? The search would be pointless.

Many believe Saddam's stalling tactics gave him ample opportunity to relocate his weapons. He had access to chemical weapons during Desert Storm yet, he did not use them. Maybe there are no more chemical weapons. Is this a chance we want to take?

"Many believe Saddam's stalling tactics gave him ample opportunity to relocate his weapons."

In theory, we believe that since Desert Storm, Saddam has made his army less vulnerable. He has prepared his soldiers so they can now battle with better weapons, thicker armor and even a higher level of morale. Is Iraq prepared for war?

Although many are weary of war, we must realize that just the threat of war seems to be working. If threatening war is not enough, America is definitely prepared to fight.

Money, power and opportunity are perpetuating the possibility of another war with Iraq. U. S. troops are still being sent to the Persian Gulf where they will stay for another three or four months, even if we don't open fire. If we do go to war some of our friends and family members will be fighting.

Many people want to know why the United States is getting involved. Is this our problem?

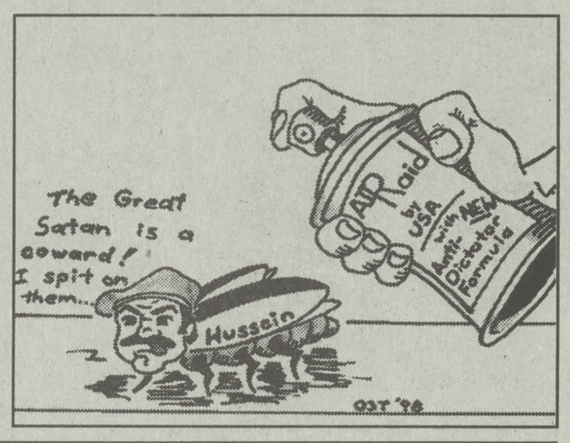
Absolutely. Saddam is threatening to release Anthrax, an infectuous, often fatal disease, cause by the bacterium Bacillus anthracis. Since it is airborne, Anthrax can easily become a world-wide problem that has no solution. If Americans do not take action now, we may not be around to suffer the consequences.

The number of lives we may lose during battle is significantly less than the number of lives that will be lost if Saddam launches biological warfare.

Despite peace talks, we are confronted with the possibility of going to war. If we are to achieve non-violent change Saddam must comply with U.S. demands. Compliance is more important than his word.

War may not be the answer but by overlooking that possibility, we are most crucially ignoring the need to quash a madman.

Why didn't we just squish that cockroach during Desert Storm?



Why I have to be Superwoman

By DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAFF WRITER

Society thinks that I should be Superwoman, I am just sure of it.

Being a mother just does not seem to be enough. It seems that a single mom is expected to do more than a mom and a dad in a so-called normal home.

After being a single mom for three years, I firmly believe that if you look closely, particularly on a really hectic day, you would see my red cape sneaking out the back of my blouse.

Society seems to think that being a mother is not considered a career.

A couple of Christmas's ago, I was at a party with a bunch of successful business people, and I was dressed very nicely in my black pants suit. I looked like one of them, so at first I was very popular, attracting several to my side with eager questions like, "So, what do you do?" All I could say was, "I'm a mom."

"Society seems to think that being a mother is not considered a career."

I suppose I could have borrowed Rosanne's term, "Domestic Goddess," but they probably would not have been impressed with that either.

All I got was pursed lips and a knowing nod that indicated they were about to leave to talk to someone more interesting.

Once in a while, I have encountered the Mr. or Ms. 'Fix It,' assuring me that I should go out and acquire a 'real' job.

What these people do not realize is that not only am I a productive member of society, but that single parenting is a plethora of full-time careers, requiring a red cape with a big "S" emblazoned on it.

For example, I must be a teacher, helping my eight-year-old son, Nicholas, to learn that it is not OK for him to turn the numbers on his math homework into little people.

I have had to be a doctor at a moment's notice, performing spur of the minute surgery on Nicholas' ear when he got a play-dough like substance stuck all the way against his ear drum. I even used a baster to suck it out!

Commercials rarely depict the harried creature that I have become, acting as a chauffeur. It is amazing how one woman can drive her son to school, her daughter to school, herself to school, her daughter from school to Grandma's, herself to her son's after school program to pick him up, to Grandma's again, to the video store, to the market, and then to Cub Scouts and back home all in one day.

Are you seeing a little of the red cape peeking through yet?

Another big job of the single parent is to be a playmate. When your child is in a program like Cub Scouts, you don't just drop them off and hope they learn something. You have to work with your little Cub to earn each badge, fitting that somehow into your busy schedule.

In my chosen career as playmate to both of my children, I have learned the skill of matching Barbie's shoes to her dress, taking tea with Winnie the Pooh, crashing Hot Wheels with style, and fun things like camping with a bunch of Cub Scout fathers and sons, going on a six-mile hike, and showing that I think that learning how to skin a rattlesnake is cool.

There is also the illustrious career as a psychologist. As a single parent, I have no help in determining if their behavior is age related or just plain naughty. How do I keep from doing something that I know might cause them to misbehave? Will they now need several years of therapy because of me?

And yet, there is another difficulty I have not mentioned: The lack of a spouse. The things that are missing in my life range from simple luxuries like not having to always take out the trash, to the really important ones like having a partner to share the stress load with.

What does a single mom do when her kids are sick and can't go to school but mom still has to? The hardest thing of all is handling the responsibility of raising a good person all by myself.

There is no one else to blame!

How can I blame their dad who only sees them on the weekend and takes them to the park and to Burger King? This is the person they cry for when they are being disciplined, the good guy who never does any wrong.

I am the big, mean, bad one who orders them around, making them have good table manners and a clean room.

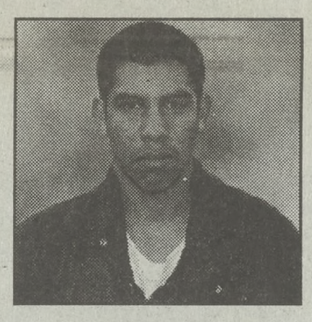
There are good moments too, though. The other weekend, I heard my son say something great. He was talking to my boyfriend, Rick, about how smart he was, and he said, "Yeh, I get my brains from my mom." Rick laughed, thinking that I had obviously planted this cute little phrase into my child's head. He asked Nicholas how he knew that and he replied, "Oh, everyone knows you get your brains from your mom." What a wonderful child.

As tough as all this sounds, it's moments like these that make it all worth while.

Photo Survey
Would you go to war?

"Hell no...Never!"

Nakomi Hunter



"I don't trust the government because I think that they are not telling us everything about this."

Augustin Dorado

"Of course...It's for our Safety!"

Narine Mikaelian

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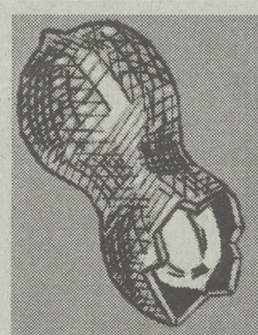

"Always leave a situation better than you found it."
CMA

In A Nutshell

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Calendar

On Feb. 28 at 9 p.m. the Hillel at Pierce and Valley Colleges will sponsor a dance at the Valley Cities Jewish Community Center in Sherman Oaks. General admission is $5.00, $4.00 with a Hillel activity card. The dance will feature a D.J. and door prizes.

On Friday, March 20, the Astronomy Club will present "Stars-What a way to go!" with Colleen Gino at 8 p.m. in the planetarium. Tickets are $3.50 for general admission, $2.50 for senior citizens, club members and Valley College Associated Student Union members with identification, and $2.00 for children ages 8-16. Children under the age of 8 will not be admitted.

The Valley College Music Department will have five performances this month.

- March 5- NUAGES Chamber Quartet at 11:00 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall.
- March 12- Four-hand piano with Joshua Nippell & Paul Pitman at 11:00 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall.
- March 14- Classical guitar with Jason Vieaux at 8:00 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall.
- March 16- LAVC Wind Ensemble directed by Michael Mertens at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre.
- March 19- Tenor Charles Castronovo will perform at 11a.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

LAVC's Student Magazine Show, "VTV on Location," airs on TCI cable channel 15 every other Friday at 8 p.m.

Students run the show at KVCM

By ANITA TORRES
STAR REPORTER

KVCM AM 830 is Valley College's radio station.

Headed by professor Gail Nastasia, the students in Valley's Broadcasting 22 class air live shows Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Unfortunately, the station cannot be heard outside of the classroom due to old equipment.

"We are working with 20 year old equipment," said Nastasia. "We only have a 25 watt transmittor which is not much power. If the equipment was newer and in better condition, we might be able to be heard as far away as the parking lots."

The last piece of equipment that the station has recieved was a professional digital editor which was given to them two years ago through Block Grant I.

"The digital editor eliminates the need for reel to reel editing," said Nastasia. "It turns a minute and a half job into a seven second job."

Although KVCM can't be heard on the radio, it is now being broadcast on TCI cable channel 25. The show airs Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and covers the East San Fernando Valley. The broadcasts are played while community graphics are flashed on the screen.

KVCM airs a variety of shows including Roger "Rog Mirage" McCreary's show which is mostly talk, and Armando Nila's show which is all salsa.

As long as student disc jockeys comply with the F.C.C. rules, they can play any music or talk about whatever interests them.

"The purpose of this class is to give students the experience of being a disc jockey," said Nastasia. "Valley is the only college in the L.A.C.C.D. that has a student run radio show."

This hands on experience has helped many Valley College students move on to jobs in this field.

Last fall, Lisa Seltzer and Jeff Tedtaotao, who call themselves The Flava Camp, got jobs at a radio station in Oxnard.

Just a few weeks ago, Mark "The Shark" Brower moved to Montana where he got a job at radio station Hot 101.

In order to become a D.J. for KVCM, students must take Broadcasting 10 and pass the final which is a half hour mock radio show designed and performed by them. After completing this, students may enroll in Broadcasting 22, the independent study class for the radio station.

Ryan Severin/Valley Star

Babe, played by Lucinda Iblings, describes how she shot her husband in "Crimes of the Heart," directed by Christopher Lee Barnes. This play will be showing Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Horseshoe Theatre at 8 p.m.

Chris M.'s Top Ten...

Reasons why God never recieved a Ph.D.

10. His office hours were infrequent and usually held on a mountaintop.
9. It may be true that he created the world, but what has he done since then?
8. The scientific community has had a hard time replicating his results.
7. He never applied to the ethics board for permission to use human subjects.
6. When an experiment went awry, he tried to cover it by drowning his subjects.
5. He rarely came to class, just told students to read the book.
4. Some say he had his son teach the class.
3. He expelled his first two students for learning.
2. There were only ten requirements, but most of his students failed the tests.

and the number one reason why God never recieved a Ph.D....

He only had one major publication, with no bibliographical references, and many doubt that he wrote it by himslef.

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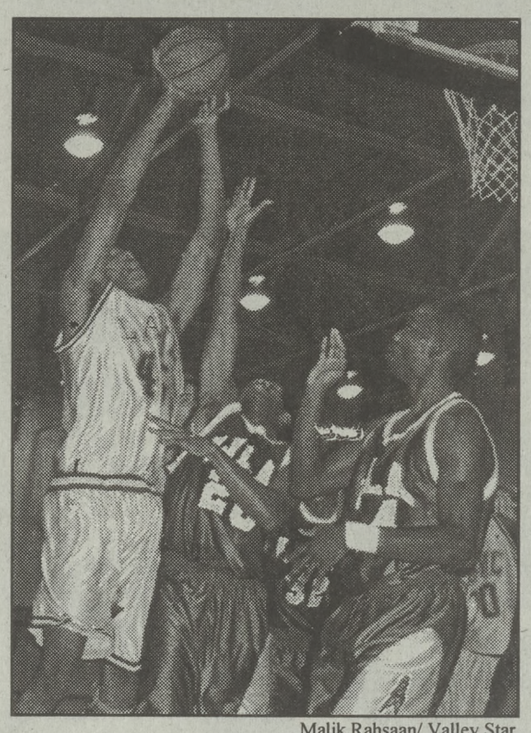

Malik Rahsaan/ Valley Star

A Monarch slam dunks over West L.A. defense.

Monarchs beat West L.A.

BY MAGIC TOPPIN
STAR REPORTER

The Monarchs beat the West Los Angeles Oilers on Feb. 14 with a 114-62 blowout at the Valley.

West L.A. was unable to respond to the Monarch challenge because they had only seven players to field. The Lady Monarch's game was canceled because the West L.A. women's basketball team also lacked players with only four.

Valley	114
WLA	62

Valley took advantage of the opositions crisis early in the game. Germane Chase set the tone in the first quarter with a three-pointer and a no-look pass from Ronnie Noel to Tyree Williams that gave Valley a quick 7-2 lead.

Williams two free-throws in the first five minutes of play gave Valley College a nine point lead.

Faheem Nelson helped Valley maintain dominance inside with a tip-in. Marcus Hadley's two-pointer from the foul line pushed the game up to 15-3.

West L.A. was only able to field seven players and the Monarchs took advantage of that quickly with a quick transition.

The first six minutes proved key to the Monarch run with West L.A. only having two field goals. Brisport came back with another basket and push the score up to 22-9.

Steve Eernisse scored from a pass from Hadley and Nelson's dunk made it a first quarter blowout 34-11.

Nelson took it to the air again with another dunk and a lay-up from Alan Thomas and made it a 40-18 game.Brisport scored on a pass from Ronnie Noel to increase the lead at 44-18.

In the second half, Brisport laid it up-and-in to push the score up 63-28.

Valley went on a 21-12 run with baskets from Noel, Chase and Brisport.

An alley-oop from Milton Wynn to Andre Clarke gave Valley their last two points of the game.

The men's basketball team will host Irvine on Feb. 27 for the first round of the playoffs.

Play Ball!

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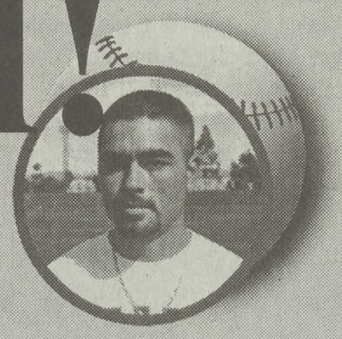
The Monarchs open up the Western State Conference season today here against Canyons at 2 p.m.

Here's how they stand for their first conference game.



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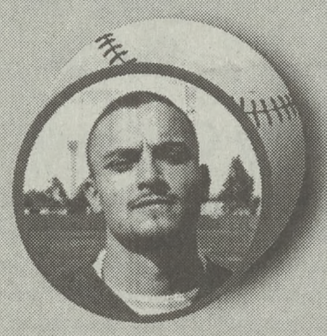

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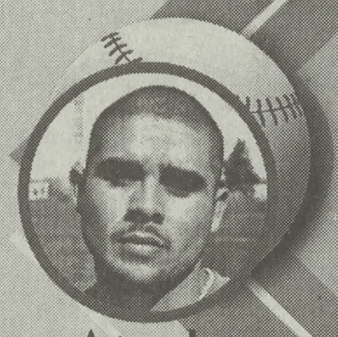

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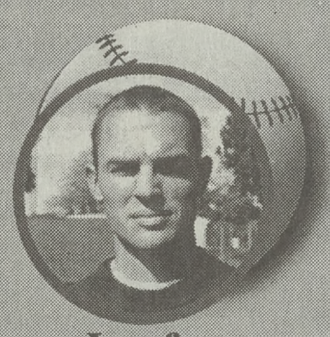

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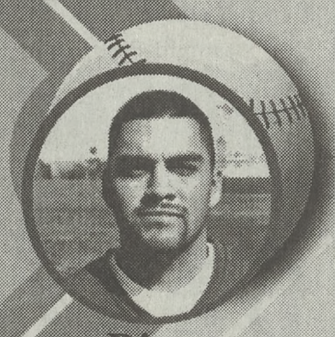

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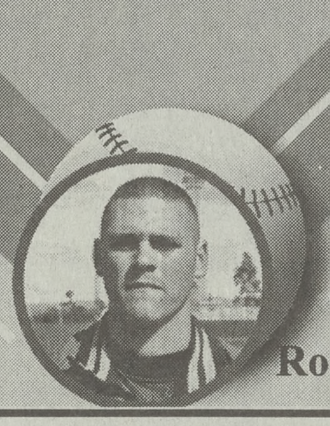

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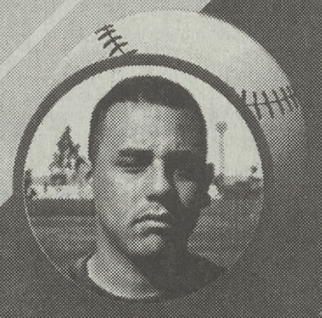

Montenegro

Line-up

1. Kris Rossefeld
2. Adrian Perez
3. Dylan Forman
4. Steve Guerrero
5. Ray Montenegro
6. Frank Diaz
7. Alonso Arreola
8. Casey Roth
9. Vic Palomares
P. Nate Laufer

The Subs:

-Gil Pelayo, C
-Sigi Arroyo, SS
-Lucas Latouf, OF
-Sam Vizcarra, OF
-Ronny Reynoso, 2B
-Josh Highsmith, OF
-Armando Garcia, C
-Carlos Gonzalez, LHP
-Alex Torres, RHP
-Nate Laufer, RHP
-Ruben Lopez, RHP
-Kyle Leonard, LHP
-Jason Plourde, RHP
-Alberto Flores, RHP
-Juan Montano, RHP
-Erick Buitrago, RHP
-Ryan Hickman, RHP
-Cooper Barnett, LHP
-Carlos Gonzalez, LHP
-Gustavo Banuelos, RHP

Hollywood's Corner:

Athletes redeem themselves

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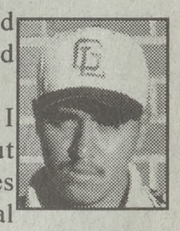

Thank God for all the good guys.

Last week I talked about some examples of professional athletes who are giving their sport a bad name by involving themselves with drugs.

Luckily, not all athletes are the same.

Baseball is redeeming itself with Cal Ripken Jr. breaking Lou Gerig's consecutive game streak, Brett Butler making a comeback from throat cancer, and Eric Davis' struggle through colon cancer.

These are just a few of the type of athletes who've saved baseball and who we should all make our idols.

It's sad to see that a lot of young people idolized a player who ended up a bad role model.

It's sad but as said before, we can't help it. We all want to be superstars just like them.

We drink their sports drinks because "life is a sport, and we have to drink it up," we wear their sneakers because we feel like "just doing it," and we eat their potato chips because we "can't have just one."

Their pay checks come from our attendance at sporting events and us buying what they're endorsing. And what do we get in return?

Not enough.

Professional athletes should set good examples in return for our support.

Fortunetly, there are athletes who've worked hard to where they are.

Michael Jordan, for example, was cut the first time he tried out for his high school basketball team. Butler was always said to be too little to play baseball. They proved everybody wrong.

Those are just some of the type of athletes who should be call idols, not some overpaid so-called star, whose always in trouble.

The list of athletes with hero characteristics is unlimited. It's just those inconsiderate persons who make everybody else look bad.

READ THE STAR

Monarchs are undefeated

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The Valley College swimming teams beat El Camino and Rio Hondo to start the '98 swimming season.

The men's team have outscored the opposition 156-54, while the women's added 150 points against 75 from the opposition.

The Monarchs traveled to Rio Hondo for their first Western State Conference meet on Feb. 20.

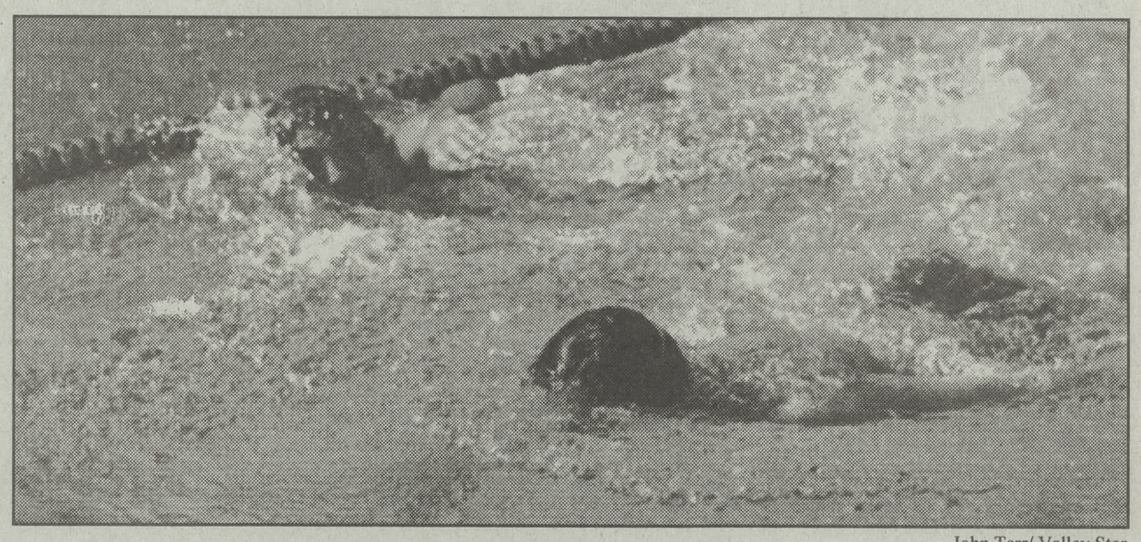
Mike Scarcelli, Peter Driscoll and Jon Conrad won two events each in the men's 76-15 victory. The women's team won 93-36 with the help of Stephanie Hammer, who won three events, and Melissa Minkey, who won two.

Valley College hosted El Camino on Feb. 11, when the men's and women's team won 80-39 and 57-39 respectively.

Minkey won three events while Hammer won two for the women's team.

Scarcelli won three events, including a school record breaking 54.55 second finish in the 100 meter backstroke. Driscoll won the 50 yard freestyle and Francisco Diaz won the diving event with 137 points.

The teams next meet will be when they travel to Ventura on Feb. 27.



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Members of the men's team practice after beating El Camino and Rio Hondo in preparation for Ventura.